Diverion of Welfare Funds

5204. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Central Government that a number of States have been diverting Welfare funds for other purposes ;

(b) if so, how many Stales have so far diverted these welfare funds ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision not to allot new funds to the States which have diverted these funds earlier ;

(d) whether any concrete report from all the State Governments has been ob tained ;

(e) if so, the deiails thereof ;

(f) how many welfare funds are still unutilised by the States; and

(g) whether in view of this any guide lines are being isaued by the Central Gov ernment to the State Governments in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (g) So far as schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes, Handicapped persons, and schemes under Social Defence are concerned, there is no information regarding misappropriation or diversion of funds at the State level. In so far as scheme.s for the welfare of Scheduled Castes are concerned the State Governments/UT Administer-tions were addressed for the requisite information. In response, 12 S ares UTs viz. Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Delhi, Daman & Diu, Meghalaya, A&N Islands and Lakshadweep have so for responded denying any diversion or misappropriation of funds.

With a view to envsuring tha! funds meant for welfare schemes are utilised for (he purpose for which they arc in ended. States/UTs have been advised to open separate Budget Head for outlay for the welfare of SCs and STs under Special Competent Plan and Tribal sub-plans. Orders releasing Ccnital gram to States also lay down some conditions. In respect of schemes under the Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment, this Ministry has requested the States/UTs to suirrender the funds, which are lying unutilised with them for more than one year.

Drive against child beggars

5205. DR. BAPU KALDATE :

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an intensive drive was recently launched against the child beggars and the begging mafias in D?lhi and other parts of the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the results achieved so Ear?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A special drive by the Delhi Police has been launched for a month commencing from 1-4-1994 fo round up child beggars in Delhi. All the 120 police stations are taking part in this drive. The child beggars rounded up in this drive are produced before the Juvenile Welfare Board which is a competent authority to decide their cases. Till 24-4-94, a total number of 625 child beggars were rounded up by police and produced before the Juvenile Welfare Board. Out of them 296 child beggars have already been discharged^'re-,sl:ored to their parents/guardian and sent to Juvenile Homes and the cases of the rest cf the Child Beggars are being pro-cossed by Probation Officers, for providing care, protection and other facilities in Observation Homes for Boys and Girls. In-rormation from other parts ot the country is being collected.

Handicapped cmp!oyees in PSUs

5206. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM ; Will the Minister of WELFARE .be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question

2276 given the Rajya. Sabha on the 17th December, 1993 and state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet received the decision of the concerned Administrative Ministry for redressal of the grievances of handicapped employees in PSUs ;

(b) whether certain PSUs have been dragging the handicapped employees in court case without giving them the sym-pathits, as they might be. deserving;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what further steps would be taken to resolve such disputes even outside the courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (d) The redressal grievances of employees of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) including handicapped employees falls within the adipinistrative ambit of the concerned PSU. If any complaint is received in the Ministry of Welfare the same forwarded to the concerned administrative Ministry/DepU. for remedial action.

Central scheme for assistance to voluntaiy Organisations

5207. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Central Scheme for providing assis.ance to voluntary Organisations engaged in serving persorts with cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation for manpower development ; and

(b) if so. the retails thereof .'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme, assistance is given to voluntary organisations for manpower development in the field of Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation to the extent of 100 per cent. .Assistance is given only to :hose teachers training courses which are recognised by Rehabilitation Council of India. The applications are onsidered for grant oa being recommended by the concerned State Govemments/ UTs. In the year 1993-94, 10 voluntary organisations were assisted with Rs. 30 lakhs.

District RcliabiTitat|ion Scheme

5208. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had launched the District Re habilitation Scheme in early 1985 for pro viding a package of rehabilitation services to the rural disabled ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this Scheme so far, including the names of the States in which the scheme is under implemen tation and the number of Districts covered under the' scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) There are ll District Rehabilita tion Centres working in 10 States. The scheme envisages services to locomotor disabled speech & hearing impaired, visu ally impuned, mentally handicapped and multiple handicapped persons. The Ser vices provided under the Schems are placed as Statement-I *(See* below). Apart-from that there are 4 Regional Rehabili tation Training Centres (RRTCs) in Lucknow, Madras, Cuttack and Bombay to provide technical support to the District Rehabilitation Centres in the area of trained professional manpower, paramedi cal and field workers.

(c) The progress made so far under the scheme is placed as staiement-II and statemest-.III

Statement-I

Services provided to the handicapped persons under the District Rehabilitation .Centre Scheme.

(a) Prevention and Early Detection;